

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated July 31, 2007 has been received and duly noted. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-7 are allowed.

Independent Claim 17 and Claim 8 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the claim objections and the § 112 rejection.


With respect to Claims 8-16, Claim 8 has been amended to indicate that the plurality of bristles solely support the brush head when scrubbing the upward facing surface. This is in sharp contrast to Hepple, wherein the brush head is supported on a wheeled structure, as shown in Figures 2 and 6. The Examiner indicated that the brush would inherently include a chemical valve as claimed, but Applicant submits that the brush need not inherently include a chemical valve, and that such a valve can be located at different positions. With respect to dependent Claim 15, it is not understood how the structure below the motor 76 in Hepple can be considered the male support member for receiving a female support member of the weight. Also, it is not understood what constitutes the cantilevered support latch which the Examiner contends is also disclosed in Hepple.

Independent Claim 17 has also been amended to recite that the bristles solely support the brush head. As previously noted, this feature also distinguishes the claim from Bessel, which discloses four wheels for supporting the brush head.

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In view of the above, early allowance of the application is requested.

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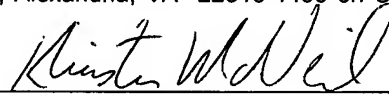
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